Crimes against Dalits

2814. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in every two days murders and arson on the dalit community occur almost throughout the country; and

(b) the role played by police to check such crimes and violence against the weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As reported by the National Crime Records Bureau, an average of 1.5 cases of murder and 1 case of arson per day were committed against dalits in 2001.

(b) "Police and Law and Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to give more focused attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system, more particularly to ensure prevention of crime against SCs, STs, women and other vulnerable sections of society.

Illegal guest houses in Delhi posing security threat

2815. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal guest houses in the capital are posing security risk;

(b) if so, whether militants and criminals are hiding in such illegal guest houses; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such illegar guest houses and to nab militants and criminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) There have been cases in which the criminals were found to have stayed in guest houses. The steps taken by Delhi Police to ensure that the guest houses are not used for criminals/terrorists activities include regular challaning of guest houses

operating without license; collecting intelligence about the guest houses suspected of being used by criminals/militants and conducting surprise checks on such guest houses.

Challan of vehicles

2816. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Traffic Police has recently challaned many vehicles for alleged abuse of red beacons atop of vehicles;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether several VIPs who are not entitled to use red beacons fitted vehicles have been found misusing the same; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that violations of such guidelines are properly checked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) During the current year (upto 31st March, 2003), Delhi Police challaned 179 vehicles found to have unauthorizedly used red or blue beacon lights. The records pertaining to such challans are not maintained on the basis of the status of the vehicle owners.

(d) It is endeavour of Delhi Police to strictly enforce the relevant provisions of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and the Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules, 1993 to curb unauthorized use of such beacon lights.

Infiltration of Ultras along J&K borders

2817. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government feels that the Gulf confrontation may jack up infiltration of ultras along the J & K border;

(b) whether there are speculations that with the upsurge in jehadi sentiments coupled with rising anti-US feelings currently on rise will find a flow-valve directed towards the porous J&K borders and Indo-Bangladeshi borders;